

2021-2022



ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR VALUES

Innovation
Collaboration
Accountability
Responsiveness
Excellence

OUR MISSION

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

OUR VISION

To be the healthiest state in the nation

PRODUCED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN PASCO COUNTY

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER



Health Officer, Mike Napier

“ In the past three years, the fundamental role of Public Health has never been more challenging or needed when addressing immediate and long-term community needs.

COVID-19 highlighted the true need for community engagement and community partnerships long before we were in a Public Health crisis.

Hospitals, businesses, schools, homeowner associations, medical communities, and federal, state, and local governments, were all called upon to collaborate on one common mission, to protect our residents.

While not perfect, the Pasco County community did an amazing job in our response and should take the lessons learned seriously as we prepare for the future.

This annual report highlights the myriad of services and collaborative projects we do every day in Public Health to support the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Through lessons learned during COVID and our ongoing commitment to the staff, we have built a strong workforce that's ready to build on what we've learned by exploring new ways to improve health in Pasco County.

Communication and relationship building are core values at the health department, and as I retire, I feel confident this team will continue to learn, and grow, as they take on the next Public Health challenge, leading the way to a healthy and vibrant future for Pasco County. ”

Did You Know?

In Pasco County, the programs and services fall under four areas:

Business Operations, Family Health Services, Health Protection and Response and Women Infants and Children.

Before 2020, all programs focused operations on its services, and once the COVID-19 pandemic hit in early 2020, all were forced to respond to the public health threat. In 2022, the programs are resuming their focuses on operations for all services.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTIONS

CORE

Pasco County is one of **12** Coordinated Opioid Recovery network (CORE) counties in Florida partnering to implement a network of addiction care. July 2022, DOH-Pasco was awarded **\$1,040,000** to assist community partners in combatting the opioid overdose epidemic in Pasco County.



HEALTH EQUITY

DOH-Pasco was awarded **\$55,000** per year for five years, to implement a health equity plan and initiatives in Pasco County. The purpose of the health equity plan is to increase health equity within Pasco County through health promotion, partnership engagement, education and outreach.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

DOH-Pasco was awarded **\$35,000** in funding for health initiatives that focus on chronic disease prevention around policy, systems, and environmental changes, such as increasing access to healthy and affordable nutrition and safe physical activity for Pasco residents.

PACE-EH

The Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH) guides local public health officials and communities through a process to explore the broad physical and social environments that impact health and safety. DOH-Pasco along with community stakeholders are in the process of revamping the playground at the Aloha Gardens Park in Holiday.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



DOH-Pasco had two activations during the 2022 Hurricane Season.

For Hurricane Ian DOH-Pasco opened 2 shelters, the Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter and Wiregrass Ranch High School, which served a total of 120 clients and 42 caregivers.

- Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter had **87** clients with **27** caregivers and was open for four days.
- Wiregrass Ranch High School had **33** clients and **15** caregivers and was open for three days.

Tropical Storm Nicole required DOH-Pasco to activate the Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter.

- Fasano had **1** client, **0** caregivers, and was open for one day.

ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH

- DOH-Pasco investigated **380** complaints and issued **1,546** on-site sewage treatment disposal systems permits.
- **5,530** community inspections were completed, including food service, RV/mobile home parks, swimming pools, group care, biomedical waste/tattoo/body art, tanning and migrant labor camps.
- The Freshwater and Coastal Beach Monitoring Program and the Well and Limited Use Well Surveillance Program collected **762** water-quality samples to inform the public of health hazards.



FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM

The Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP) provided **331** initial mammograms, **157** pap smears, **13** breast biopsies and diagnosed **8** women with breast cancer. The **8** women diagnosed received treatment through the Mary Brogan Medicaid program.

The FBCCEDP also partnered with **1** mobile mammography bus in Pasco County to provide screenings to the community and DOH-Pasco staff members.



DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

The Dietetic Internship graduated **18** interns from **9** counties, **14** have passed the registered dietitian exam. The program also assisted **1** Florida Licensed Dietitian with earning their registered dietitian credential.



HEALTHY START

897 pregnant women and children up to the age of three years old received **17,594** care coordination services, including home visiting services.

IMMUNIZATIONS

CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS:

Vaccines were provided to **3,566** children. Total visits **4,003** resulting in **8,690** total services.



ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS:

Vaccines were provided to **1,600** adults. Total visits **1,941** resulting in **3,470** total services.



FAMILY PLANNING

- **2,314** total clients, **3,676** total visits, and **38,729** total services.
- Assistance with sterilization services (vasectomy or tubal ligation) was provided to **15** clients.

REFUGEE HEALTH

470 total clients received refugee services. There was a total of **1,253** visits, and a total of **5,650** services.

TEEN HEALTH

Teens who adopt an effective or higher method of birth control was **90.5%**. The State target is **80%**.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC)

- With WIC assistance, participants spent over **\$7.8 million** on healthy foods in our local grocery stores.
- An average of **8,680** WIC participants were served per month.

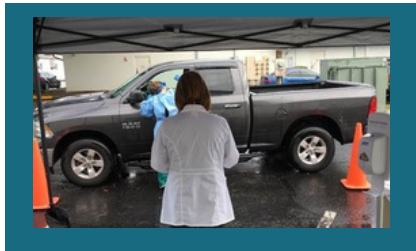


INFECTIOUS DISEASE SERVICES

COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN

A COVID vaccination plan was created and implemented in Pasco County through collaboration with DOH-Pasco, Pasco County Emergency Management, St. Leo University, Pasco Fire Rescue, and other community partners. The plan included high-volume drive thru COVID vaccination five days a week at **2** locations in Pasco County. Forty-six (**46**) Points of Dispensing (PODS) were set up at 55+ communities, health care and dental facilities, fire rescue, schools, and other community-based organizations. As of October 2021, **66%** of Pasco's population was vaccinated, along with other Florida residents who travelled to our drive-thru open PODS from outside the county. Also provided was education and guidance to at least **10** local organizations and businesses in infection control best practices.

DOH-Pasco environmental health, clinic, and preparedness staff provided infection prevention education and assessment at **53** out of **121** long term care facilities in Pasco County.



COVID-19 VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION

2020: DOH-Pasco distributed **533** COVID-19 vaccines. This was towards the end of the 2020 year as vaccines just became available.

2021: DOH-Pasco distributed **49,158** COVID-19 vaccines. The highest year for vaccines as the vaccines became available to everyone.

2022: DOH-Pasco distributed **630** COVID-19 vaccines.

Timeline of COVID-19 can be viewed here: [CDC Museum COVID-19 Timeline | David J. Sencer CDC Museum | CDC](#)

HEPATITS A/MENINGITIS

DOH-Pasco distributed **32** Hepatitis A vaccines and **132** Meningitis vaccines. Staff members attended several outreach events throughout Pasco County where they provided educational materials to the community related to Meningitis, COVID-19, Hepatitis A, and Monkeypox vaccines.



HIV/AIDS

- DOH-Pasco staff tested **352** community members for HIV/AIDS at outreaches throughout the year.
- **190** inmates in the Pasco County jail were tested by DOH-Pasco staff for HIV/AIDS.
- In 2022, **878** HIV tests were completed by community-based partners.
- Two additional partners were added to the list of testing sites, for a total of **5** Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that are partnering with DOH-Pasco HIV/AIDS division.
- There were **68** new HIV positive cases in Pasco and **61** of them were able to be linked to care. Additionally, **78** previous HIV positive clients were re-connected to care.
- During 2022, staff has successfully located and followed **3** HIV+ Mothers throughout their pregnancy and birth.
- The Ryan White program had **31** new clients/patient care. The program provided **160** medical visits to **53** clients and provided **\$11,306** in laboratory services to uninsured HIV+ clients.
- Additionally, **29** HIV+ clients were seen under other funding sources like Medicaid and Medicare.
- DOH-Pasco's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) had **35** new clients. Staff served **252** clients and of those **94.05%** are virally suppressed.

DOH-Pasco administered **364** doses of the Monkeypox vaccines.

1,731 clients received care, there was a total of **2,450** visits and **12,978** total services.



Certificate of Birth

DOH-Pasco issued **9,736** birth certificates and **50,465** death certificates.

Funding Source	Amount	Percentage
Federal	\$7,500,000.00	49%
State	\$3,485,000.00	23%
County	\$1,064,665.00	7%
Fees	\$1,987,000.00	13%
Medicaid	\$371,000.00	2%
Other Grants	\$966,000.00	6%

SUCCESSES

- The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) approved the Pasco County Dietetic Internship's request to be recognized as a graduate degree program.
- DOH-Pasco teamed up with the Florida West Coast Breastfeeding task force for the Big Latch-on event. There were 141 attendees and 60 people participating as vendors.
- DOH-Pasco partnered with BayCare, DOH-Hillsborough, DOH-Pinellas and DOH-Polk to complete the 2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA). Results can be found: **[PascoCommunityHealthAssessment2022.pdf](#)** ([floridahealth.gov](#)).
- Free Narcan is provided at three DOH-Pasco clinic locations (Dade City, New Port Richey and Wesley Chapel).
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